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SUBJECT: JAPANESE CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT APPROVED
BY FAISAL

SUMMARY: KING FAISAL HAS APPROVED A CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD
BEEN PRESSING FOR AGREEMENT BUT RECEIVED VERY LITTLE ENCOURAGE-
MENT DURING VISITS OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY MISSIONS.
ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN PRESS WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH JAPANESE
EMBASSY. IT MAY BE CONNECTED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW
U.S.-SAG AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

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1. AL-MADINA NEWSPAPER OF APRIL 5 GAVE TEXT OF ROYAL DECREE

APPROVING TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN.
AGREEMENT ITSELF WAS NOT PUBLISHED.

2.

JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY OHARA BRIEFED COUNSELOR ON
UNEXPECTED DECISION MADE WITHOUT NOTICE TO JAPANESE EMBASSY
TO APPROVE 18-MONTH OLD TEXT. RECENT JAPANESE MISSIONS
(MIKKI AND NAKOSONE) HAD PRESSED FOR CONSULTATIONS AND
NEGOTIATIONS ON JAPANESE DRAFT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY STILL IN THE DARK ON WHETHER FULL
JAPANESE TEXT APPROVED OR NOT BUT AGREEMENT IS IN NATURE OF
CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND
INCLUDES AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (1) SAUDI ARABIA AND JAPAN WOULD ENDEAVOR TO FURTHER
COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS;
- (2) JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO RECEIVE SAUDI
BUSINESSMEN AND FACILITATE THEIR EFFORTS TO INCREASE
TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. JAPANESE EXPERTS WILL
TRAIN SAUDIS, AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT;
- (3) PRIVILEGES FOR JAPANESE DETAILED BY TOKYO UNDER THIS
AGREEMENT ARE TO BE EQUAL TO THOSE OF UN EXPERTS;
- (4) A JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON ANY SUBJECTS
WHenever EITHER SIDE REQUESTS IT TO DIRECT CONCRETE ACTIONS IN
VARIOUS FIELDS. AGREEMENT PLAYED IN LOW KEY WITHOUT COMMENT.
COMMENT: TIMING OF DECISION TO APPROVE NEW AGREEMENT
WITH JAPAN MAY WELL BE CONNECTED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF
US/SAUDI AGREEMENT.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED BAGHDAD.

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